

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for securing a bar to a trashcan, the bar including an open ~~[[ends]]~~ end and defining a sidewall having an aperture in the sidewall, the device comprising:

a fastener plug mountable to the open ~~[[ends]]~~ end of the bar, the fastener plug including a plug portion and a fastener portion, the plug portion defining an end cap and at least one disc spaced apart from the end cap, the at least one disc being sized and shaped to mate with and seal the open ~~[[ends]]~~ end of the bar, the at least one disc defining a diameter that is slightly larger than the diameter of the open end of the bar, the fastener portion defining a flexible extension member extending outwardly from the end cap, the extension member including a projecting member for operatively engaging the aperture in the sidewall of the bar~~[[;]]~~ such that the flexible extension member flexes as ~~[[#]]~~ the flexible member is installed in the open ~~[[ends]]~~ end of the bar and snaps back to its original position when the projecting member engages the aperture in the sidewall of the bar.

2. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the end cap defines a peripheral edge and a flat surface edge along the peripheral edge.

3. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a rib connects the at least one disc to the end cap.

4. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one disc is a plurality of discs spaced apart from the end cap.

5. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the extension member extends upwardly from the end cap.

6. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 4, wherein the extension member extends across the plurality of discs.

7. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 6, wherein the plurality of discs define a flat surface edge.

8. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the projecting member defines an inclined surface.

9. (Currently Amended) A device for securing a bar to a trashcan, the bar including open ends and defining a sidewall having an aperture in the sidewall, the device comprising:

a fastener plug mountable to the open ends of the bar, the fastener plug including an end cap and at least one disc spaced apart and connected to the end cap, the fastener plug including a flexible extension member extending outwardly from the end cap, across and spaced apart from the at least one disc, the extension member having a fixed end connected to the end cap and a free end opposite the fixed end, the free end including an aperture engaging-member for operatively engaging the aperture in the sidewall of the bar, wherein the end cap defines a peripheral edge and a flat truncated surface along the peripheral edge.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim ~~[[40]]~~ 9, wherein a rib connects the at least one disc to the end cap.

12. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 11, wherein the at least one disc is a plurality of discs spaced apart from the end cap.

13. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 12, wherein the extension member extends upwardly from the end cap.

14. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 12, wherein the extension member extends across the plurality of discs.

15. (Previously Presented) A device for securing a bar to a trashcan, the bar including open ends and defining a sidewall having an aperture in the sidewall, the device comprising:

a fastener plug mountable to the open ends of the bar, the fastener plug including an end cap and a plurality of discs spaced apart and connected to the end cap by at least one rib, the end cap defining a peripheral edge and a flat surface edge along the peripheral edge, the fastener plug including an extension member extending outwardly from the end cap and across the plurality of discs, the extension member having a fixed end connected to the end cap and a free end opposite the fixed end, the free end including an aperture engaging-member for operatively engaging the aperture in the sidewall of the bar, and wherein the plurality of discs define a flat surface edge, the extension member extending across the flat surface edge.

16. (Previously Presented) A device for securing a bar to a trashcan, the bar including open ends and defining a sidewall having an aperture in the sidewall, the device comprising:

a fastener plug mountable to the open ends of the bar, the fastener plug including an end cap and at least one disc spaced apart and connected to the end cap, the fastener plug including an extension member extending outwardly from the end cap and across the at least one disc, the extension member having a fixed end connected to the end cap and a free end opposite the fixed end, the free end including an aperture engaging-member for operatively engaging the aperture in the sidewall of the bar, wherein the aperture engaging member defines opposing columns joined together by a rib, the opposing columns and rib form an inclined surface.

17. (Previously Cancelled)

18. (Previously Cancelled)

19. (Previously Cancelled)

20. (Previously Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A device for securing a bar to a trashcan, said device comprising:

a plug mountable to an open end of the bar, said plug including an end cap for covering and sealing the open end of the bar, and a body extending from said end cap, said body being sized, shaped and configured for mating with an interior wall of the bar, said plug further including a flexible extension member having an end fixed to said plug and a free end opposite said fixed end, said flexible extension member including at least a portion thereof extending between and within a space defined by said end cap and a portion of said body that is spaced farthest from said end cap, said free end including an aperture engaging member for operatively engaging an aperture in the bar to secure the bar to the trashcan.

22. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 21, wherein said body includes opposed semi-cylindrical shaped extensions extending from said end cap, and wherein said flexible extension member extends from said end cap such that said end of said flexible extension member fixed to said plug is fixed to said end cap.

23. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 21, wherein said body is a substantially solid, cylindrical body having a first end fixed to said end cap and a second end spaced apart from said first end, and wherein said flexible extension member extends from a position near said second end of said body towards said end cap such that said end of said flexible member fixed to said plug is fixed to said body.